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A LETTER TO PRESIDENT MENDEZ CONCERNING

A PROPOSED MISSION

REF: STATE 30503

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 7
TO PRESIDENT MENDEZ FROM ADRIAN A. DEWIND, PRESIDENT
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BEING POUCHED TO THE AMBASSADOR FOR TRANSMITTAL TODAY.

2. MR DEWIND ALSO WROTE TO AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDAS
ON FEBRUARY 8 ADVISING HIM OF THE PROPOSED TRIP.

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON FEBRUARY 24, 1975, THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF THE

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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION ADOPTED A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING
ITS SUPPORT FOR THE RULE OF LAW IN THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY AND ITS RECOGNITION AND NEED FOR AN INDEPENDENT
JUDICIARY AND FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF LAWYERS AS INDIS-
PENSIBLE INGREDIENTS IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE RULE OF LAW
IN ALL JURISDICTIONS.

OUR ASSOCIATION IS FULLY COMMITTED TO THIS PRINCIPLE AND,
INDEED, IS ANXIOUS TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP OUR FELLOW
LAWYERS CARRY OUT THEIR PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO THEIR
CLIENTS.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE HAVE RECENTLY LEARNED THROUGH PRESS
REPORTS OF THE ARRESTS OF FOUR URUGUAYAN LAWYERS --
DR. RODOLFO SCHURMANN PACIFICO, DR. FRAGA, DR. EMILIO
BIASCO AND DR. FUGO FAORI. SINCE IT IS VERY DIFFICULT
FOR US TO DOCUMENT ALL THE RELEVANT FACTS, WE HAVE
DECIDED TO REQUEST OF YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT PERMISSION
TO SEND A SMALL MISSION COMPOSED OF TWO WELL-KNOWN
MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL COMMUNITY TO INQUIRE OF THE FACTS
AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THESE ARRESTS AND

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OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS THE LIMITED ONE OF THE INDEPENDENCE

OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION, THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE
JUDICIARY AND THE RIGHT OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS TO LEGAL

COUNSEL AND DEFENSE. WE HAVE SELECTED WILLIAM J. BUTLER
OF THE NEW YORK BAR AND THIS REUSE OF THE BOLIVIAN BAR

TO CARRY OUT THIS ASSIGNMENT. THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE
ABLE TO ARRIVE IN MONTREAL ON MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1979.

MR. BUTLER, A PROMINENT NEW YORK ATTORNEY, IS A MEMBER
OF OUR ASSOCIATION AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF OUR

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS. HE IS ALSO
CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S SUB-COMMITTEE

ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF LAWYERS IN FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.
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MR. REQUE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOLIVIAN BAR AND FORMER
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS

COMMISSION.

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU EXTEND TO THEM THE

COURTESIES OF THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT AND THAT THEY

MAY BE ALLOWED TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES

SUCH AS THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,
THE PRESIDENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE, THE PRESIDENT OF

THE SUPREME MILITARY COURT AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SOCIETY OF LAWYERS.

AS FELLOW LAWYERS, I AM CONFIDENT WE SHARE A COMMON
CONCERN FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE

LEGAL PROFESSION AND RECOGNIZE OUR DEEP OBLIGATION TO

ASSURE OUR BROTHERS OF OUR SUPPORT IN AIDING THEM TO

CARRY OUT THEIR PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO THEIR CLIENTS.

WE RESPECTFULLY SEEK YOUR KIND COOPERATION IN MAKING

THIS VISIT A MUTUALLY SUCCESSFUL ONE.

YOURS MOST RESPECTFULLY,

ADRIAN W. DENING (SIGNED)

END TEXT.

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